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What a cruel thing is war, to separate and destroy families and friends, and to fill our hearts with hatred instead of love for our neighbors.—R. E. Lee.

LINCOLN'S ADVICE TO LAWYERS.

When Mr. Lincoln was a practicing lawyer he lectured before an assembly of young men of that profession and in the course of his remarks gave them this bit of advice:

"Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. Point out to them how the nominal winner is often a real loser—in fees, expenses and waste of time. As a peace-maker, the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough.

"Never stir up litigation. A worse man can scarcely be found than one who does this. Who can be more nearly a fiend than he who habitually overhauls the register of deeds in search of defects in titles, whereupon to stir up strife and put money in his pocket? A moral tone ought to be infused into the profession which should drive such men out of it."

The lawyer who stirs up litigation for the sake of getting a fee is on a par with the physician who would poison a man for a similar purpose. Our courts were not made to encourage and promote strife between man and man, and every conscientious lawyer regards himself as a part of the court system. Such a lawyer will always advise his clients to settle their disputes out of court if possible, and if all lawyers followed that course the work and expenses of the courts would be greatly reduced.

Several years ago a citizen of Richmond was visiting a city in Canada and had the misfortune to lose his trunk. He spent the greater part of a day hanging around the luggage-room, endeavoring to trace it, and finally became so exasperated by the seeming indifference of the railroad officials that he went to a lawyer's office with a view to bringing an action for damages. The lawyer heard his complaint sympathetically, and then replied: "My friend, I know just how you feel, and I do not blame you for wanting to punish the railroad. I could take the case for you and put you to great expense and pocket a fee for myself. But I cannot conscientiously advise you to bring suit. You have the check for your trunk, and you will find it by and by. If not, the railroad will have to pay you for it. Swallow your indignation and go on your way. You will thank me for my advice by and by."

The traveler thanked him then and there, and has never ceased to hold that lawyer in kind remembrance—especially as the trunk was found shortly after he left the lawyer's office.

EXAMINATION OF BANKS.

The public discussion of the affairs of the Interstate Bank, of this city, directs attention to the fact that there is no regular system of bank examination in Virginia for State banks, except such as are designated as State depositories.

The Code provides that every banking institution chartered under the laws of Virginia shall annually make to the Corporation Commission statements of its financial condition at such times as the commission may prescribe, identically as the national banks are required to make their statements to the Comptroller of the Currency, and also publish such statements in condensed form as published by the national banks, in some convenient newspaper. It is further provided that the commission shall, not less than once in each year, and at such other times as it may deem necessary, cause to be examined each and every bank, banking institution, etc., which has been designated as a State depository.

The commission is also required, upon the written application of stockholders representing one-fifth of the amount of the capital stock of any such bank, or whenever, in the judgment of the commission, it may be necessary to do so for the protection of the public or depositors, to appoint some competent person to make a special examination in person into the condition of the bank and report to the commission.

There is a bit of grim humor in this. The commission is required to make

regular examination into the affairs of such banks as have State funds on deposit, but of none other, except upon the application of stockholders, or unless the suspensions of the commission have been aroused. If examination of banks containing funds of the State be deemed expedient, why is it not equally expedient to examine other banks?

There ought to be regular examination of all banks, and the work should be done by the Corporation Commission, as the examination of State depositories is made. The published statements may be grossly misleading, as in the case of the Interstate Bank, of Richmond, which listed among its collateral 11,000 shares of the "Indiana Company, Incorporated," at a valuation of \$167,751.22, when the stock is known to be practically worthless. There is not a reputable bank in the city that would lend a dollar on it, and if the Corporation Commission had been authorized to examine the bank, this stock and other doubtful paper of the institution would have been exposed long ago.

Several years ago a concern was doing business in Richmond as a bank and receiving deposits, when, in point of fact, it had no banking charter. When it collapsed, it was found to be rotten to the core, and there was not enough money to pay the depositors. Had there been a system of examination, many innocent depositors would have been saved. This is a matter that should receive the prompt attention of the next Legislature.

THE CLASSICS.

"College Topics," of the University of Virginia, makes the following statement:

"At an informal conference of the students of the college department, on Monday night, Dean J. M. Fage, of the university, explained the faculty suggestions for the changes in the requirements for the B. A. and M. A. degrees here, which were discussed by the board of trustees at the last meeting here yesterday afternoon, but which were not passed on, action being deferred until their next meeting, on June 10th. There is little doubt that the suggestions of the faculty will be made laws by the board, however, and they are practically regarded as in force at the present time. The main point is the exclusion of the compulsory Latin or Greek course from the requirements of the B. A. degree."

It may be "old fogey," but The Times-Dispatch views with more or less concern the tendency in modern education to abandon the classics. This is a practical age, and practical persons are prone to inquire what is the practical value of a knowledge of the dead languages? Why not devote the time to acquiring a knowledge of French, German and Spanish, which is not only an accomplishment, but a valuable aid to a business or professional vocation? If education were merely a matter of accomplishments, or merely a matter of acquiring knowledge, such arguments would be sound. But education, in its truest and best sense, has to do with the foundation rather than with the superstructure. We speak of the "groundwork" of education as though there were some other kind of education. In point of fact, all education is groundwork. The groundwork is begun when the child learns the alphabet—indeed, when the child enters the kindergarten school. The pupil is advanced from one study to another, as the mind develops; but every course of instruction, if the teacher knows his business, is given to strengthen the foundation. Dropping the figure, education, as the term implies, is a process of development. In its intellectual aspect, it is for the training of the mind, and the acquisition of knowledge is incidental. How many of us, at forty and fifty, could pass an examination on the books we studied at college? Much of the knowledge we gained in the foreign languages, in mathematics and the sciences, escapes us as we grow, unless we keep up our college studies. But the training which the mind received is an abiding force. The man whose mind was trained at college is far better equipped for the activities of life, no matter what his calling may be, than otherwise he would be. It helps the power of analysis, and in practical life that power must be brought into action whenever a practical proposition is presented. There is no better mental exercise than the study of Latin and Greek; no better groundwork for language study; for they form the base of most of the modern languages of civilization. A man may have accomplishments, and may take a degree, but his education is not complete unless he has taken a thorough course in Latin and Greek. The University of Virginia has made a specialty of these classics, and The Times-Dispatch cannot but feel that it is lowering its standard and impairing its usefulness when it fails to include Latin and Greek in the prime essentials of its curriculum.

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DECORATE FOR THE REUNION.

The Confederate colors should be displayed on every principal building in Richmond, and on hundreds of residences, when the crowds gather for the reunion next week. The meeting of the veterans will be the most impressive of any heretofore held in this city. The Jefferson Davis Monument will be unveiled, and as this was the home of Mr. Davis while President of the Confederacy, it is incumbent upon us to give evidence of our patriotism in a manner altogether creditable and in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. By all means, the decorations should be largely placed along the streets through which the parades will move. The Times-Dispatch has previously called attention to the importance of this feature of the reunion, and it again urges the people to show their colors promptly. It is not wise to delay, for it might be impossible to secure flags and bunting in time for the opening.

RICHMOND'S BANK CLEARINGS.

In the review in the local columns of yesterday's Times-Dispatch of the new City Directory, the statement of bank clearings was far below the mark. In 1896 the clearings aggregated \$112,603,197; in 1900, \$208,437,210, an increase for that period of \$95,834,013, or 85 per cent. No single exhibit could better illustrate the growth of this city as a financial, industrial and commercial centre.

The Jamestown Exposition edition of the Suffolk Herald is a credit to Virginia journalism. It is really a Suffolk exposition edition, for it is an exposition of the thrift and enterprise of that substantial and prosperous town. One of its most interesting features is an illustrated article on the Dismal Swamp and its famous Lake Drummond, which has ever been an inspiration to the poet and the fisherman. The entire edition is ornamented with half-tone illustrations, and in all respects is a credit to the Herald and the section it so ably represents.

The whole country has for years felt a kindly interest in Mrs. William McKinley because she was the afflicted wife of a man whom they held in affectionate regard. The devotion of her distinguished husband, the tender care that he bestowed upon her, the thoughtful attentions he showed her on all occasions and under all circumstances, were very beautiful, and proclaimed William McKinley to be an ideal lover and a model husband. So dependent was the wife upon his affectionate care that it is a wonder she survived so long the shock of his tragic death and the deprivation of his ministrations. Death comes, doubtless, as a happy release from her sorrow and loneliness.

"Charleston" boasts the News and Courier of that city, "has had three times as much spring as any other American city, and no more poetry." The neighboring town of Charlotte, N. C., has long enjoyed a certain monopoly in springpoes.

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Three Precedents.

In point of fact the rapidity of Major-General Leonard Wood's rise in the service is not unprecedented in army annals. There can be no time more fitting than the present to correct so false an impression.

The interval between 1860 and 1865 affords no less than three striking precedents—precedents, indeed, that have a margin of conservatism and restraint to the credit of the Wood incident. Ulysses Simpson Grant rose in three years from the rank of colonel to the supreme command, next to President Lincoln, of the entire Union army. Philip Henry Sheridan was a captain in 1861, and a major-general before 1865. From one camp so fast to William Tecumseh Sherman that a major-general's rank was his in less time than it took, some forty years later, to make a brigade commander of Leonard Wood.

Grant, Sherman and Sheridan, furthermore, were all without the advantage of a medical education.—New York Sun.

CHAFING

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Rhymes for To-Day

THE DARK HORSE.

THE Dark Horse is an Animal. The Zouks do not contain at all. We Elders think they really should. And s'pose they'd have them if they could. But then, my dear, The Dark Horse is Opposed to any Zouks in life. And few Wild Beasts are his Match At Being Very Hard to Catch. He seeks the Tallest Woods to Hide Him down, and shuns the Public Eye. And when he wants a Drink or Bite Of Food, he takes it out of Sight. Well, knowing it he's spoiled, then Sure He's not a Dark Horse any more. And since he's never crossed my View, I can't describe him, dears, to you. All that I know of him I State In saying he's a Candidate. But, tall or short, Obese or slim— Such Things I cannot tell of him.

This year, however, they so Abound, I think Perhaps one may be found And trapped by means of Office bait, Which always draws a Candidate. But, tall or short, Obese or slim— Such Things I cannot tell of him.

H. S. H.

MERELY JOKING.

Having Fun. "Yes," remarked Farmer Cornsness, "my boy looks a good deal of a fun out of automobile."

"But he doesn't own a machine." "Of course not," he's one of the county constables.—Washington Star.

An Insultation. "Tell me, Fanny, how much would you give to have blonde hair like mine?"

"I don't know. How much did you give?"—H. M. per Riders.

Caution. Mr. Spahelard: "Do you think men have descended from monkeys?"

Miss Caliqua: "Not very far."—Philadelphia Record.

A Sure Method. Yabsley: "I wish I could break my wife of the habit of presenting me with cigars every time I go to the office."

Jollyboy: "Do as I do. Smoke them in the house."—Town and Country.

Sad, But True. Goodbye: "If men really would 'vote as they pray' this would truly be a happy world."

Wiseman: "Yes, but in that case you wouldn't get some men to the polls once in ten years."—Philadelphia Press.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHS

DOWN IN Pennsylvania there are some grafters who will hereafter regard Abe Ruef as the rawest kind of amateur and chicken thief and a fault.—Chicago Record-Herald.

If winter keeps on lingering in the lap of spring she ought to jab him with a haplin.—Baltimore Sun.

Well, speak up, Marse Henry! This country ain't affordin' no more of a mousetrap to the presidency.—Washington Herald.

Consider the corned beef; how humble, yet how useful! It produeth alcohol, elder vinegar and pure Vermont maple syrup.—Chicago Tribune.

San Francisco is becoming almost as undesirable a place for white people to live in as for yellow people.—Kansas City Star.

To complete his popularity King Alfonso has only to appear on the streets of Madrid pushing a perambulator.—New York Sun.

The first name of the attorney for the defense in the Haywood case is "Clay." That's a dreadful handicap to start with in a mining country.—Washington Post.

"Miss Hobbs" Next Week. During the week of May 27th Percy Howell and the George Pawcett Company will appear in Jerome K. Jerome's bright little comedy, "Miss Hobbs." It is the story of the so-called new woman who refuses to love man, but who in time is taught to do so. Miss Haswell, determined not to be said to be very convincing, but she is just as convincing when the womanly nature asserts itself, and more charming. The supporting company will be seen to excellent advantage.

One performance will have to be omitted again this week, Tuesday evening, May 28th, owing to the fact that previous to signing the contracts for the Pawcett Company's engagement, the Academy of Music had been rented for this night.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

YESTERDAY. Central Committee, A. P. V. A. at 4 P. M. in Virginia Historical Society rooms. Final concert at Woman's College at 8:15 P. M. West tournament at Woman's Club at 8:15 P. M.

TODAY. Annual banquet of "Chisel" staff, Woman's College quarterly, in Jefferson Hotel, at 9 P. M.

Final Concert. Eighty pretty girls, in summer frocks, made up the splendid chorus that sang the two opening numbers of the annual concert program at the Woman's College of Richmond last night. The chapel was crowded with a distinguished and expectant audience, who applauded to the echo when old favorites were rendered, and listened with high appreciation while solo, trio and chorus followed each other in magnificent succession.

The work of the art class was left hanging, and added not a little to the beauty of the chapel, otherwise decorated with palms, red carnations and red-shaded lights.

The program opened with two choruses—"Onward, Bonny Boat," and "Nearest and Dearest"—given with a strength of attack and felicity of execution that showed careful training and artistic work. The latter was particularly bright and attractive, and elicited hearty applause.

The difficult overture from "Semiramide" was given with the finish of technique and good expression. Miss Daisy Wilson was so heartily applauded singing "Summer Flirtation" that she repeated the last verse, to the undisguised delight of the audience.

Miss Nancy Goodman rendered Rhapsodie Hongroise (No. 6), by Liszt, with good expression, playing without notes, and the music of the work being especially noticeable in the spinning song from "The Flying Dutchman." Much praise is due Miss Helen Stone, who played the difficult and exacting role of accompanist throughout the evening.

The program follows: Chorus—"Onward, Bonny Boat"....Kueckelb. "Nearest and Dearest"....Caracole Overture—"Semiramide"....Rosini Misses Ida Trosvig, Nancy Goodman, Helen Stone, Ruby Godley. Song—"Before the Dawn"....Chadwick Miss Bessie Hutchinson. Polichelle....Rachmaninoff Miss Beulah Burch. Vocal trio—"Doris"....Ethelbert Nevin Misses Bessie Hutchinson, Helen Laylander, Estelle Pritchett. First violin, Miss Annie Reinhardt; second violin, Mr. John Reinhardt. Song—"A Summer Song"....D'Hardelet "Love Song"....Haechele "Summer Flirtation"....Trotter Miss Daisy Wilson. Rhapsodie Hongroise (No. 6)....Liszt Miss Nancy Goodman. Song—"Berceuse" (from "Jocelyn")....Godard Miss Bessie Wilson. Violin obligato, Miss Annie Reinhardt. Serenade....Low First piano, Miss Beulah Burch; second piano, Miss Eva Agner. Vocal quartet. "Rock-a-Bye"....Nedlinger "Robin Adair"....Dudley Buck Misses Daisy Wilson, Helen Laylander, Bessie Wilson, Helen Martin. Concerto I....Mendelssohn First piano, Miss Ida Trosvig; second piano, Mr. Reinhardt.

Chorus—"A Spinning Song" (from "The Flying Dutchman")....Wagner "Goodnight"....Salter Accompanist, Miss Helen Stone.

Error Corrected. Through an unfortunate typographical error in yesterday's paper, it was reported that Richmond Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, requested the citizens to decorate as much as possible for the reunion with "red, white and blue" bunting. It should, of course, have been "red, white and red," the colors of the Confederacy.

This explanation is made in justice to the Daughters and to the Junior Hollywood Memorial Association, who made the original resolution.

Entertainers Auxiliary.

Mrs. O. A. Spicers, of No. 2713 East Grace Street, entertained the Ladies' Auxiliary, Order of Railway Conductors, Thursday afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock. Mrs. Ida Waldrop assisted Mrs. Spicers in receiving. Delicious refreshments were served.

The present were Mesdames L. W. Smith, Donald J. Michie, C. King, James Thompson, H. King, William Thompson, J. E. Willford, Ida Waldrop, Pemberton, William Miller, F. L. Thomas, J. P. Burnett, F. W. Jenks, W. F. Galvin, J. J. Robinson and A. T. Lane.

"Hickory Farm" to be Played. "Hickory Farm," a comic drama, will be played at Hollywood Hall next Monday night at 8:15 o'clock for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union. The play will be presented by a number of well known young people of the city, who take the same with the highest talent.

Tickets are on sale at Polk Miller-Childrey Drug Company, First and Broad Streets, and also at the door on the night of the performance. It is expected that a large audience will be present.

Personal Mention. Miss Adelaide Acres, of Lynchburg, and Miss Janie Lavender, of Massanutten, Va., are the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Colonna, Jr.

Miss Florence Talbot has returned from a several months' cruise in European waters with Mr. and Mrs. George Harkness, of New York.

Mr. Robert Macomber, Colonel W. Miles Cary and Mr. Robert Nolan Macomber have been the guests during the past week of Captain James F. Post in Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur T. Armistead and family of Corinth, Miss., will arrive Tuesday to be the guests of Miss Emily Armistead, No. 1 East Cary Street.

Mrs. D. T. Yancey, who has been under treatment at St. Luke's Hospital for some time, left yesterday for Lynchburg, where she will visit her parents and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Suggs, of Carolina county, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Louise Suggs, to Mr. W. R. McKenny, the ceremony to take place on June 4th, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. William Wallis, in Spotsylvania county.

Dr. and Mrs. Remus Persons have announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, Julia, to Lieuten-

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No. 181.

The Library.

By SOUTHEY.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

My days among the dead are pass'd; Around me I behold, Where'er these casual eyes are cast, The mighty minds of old. My never-fading friends are they With whom I converse night and day.

With them I take delight in weal, And seek relief in woe; And while I understand and feel How much to them I owe, My cheeks have often been bedew'd With tears of thoughtful gratitude.

My thoughts are with the dead; with them I live in long past years, Their virtues love, their faults condemn, Partake their griefs and fears; And from their sober lessons find Instruction with a humble mind.

My hopes are with the dead; anon With them my place will be; And I with them shall travel on Through all futurity; Yet cheeks here a name I trust, Which will not perish in the dust.

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ant Sidney Henry, United States Navy. The wedding will take place in September. Miss Persons, whose father was stationed at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, for several years, has a great many friends in Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Miss Cora Hicks, of Fredericksburg, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. John Fry, of South Boston, continues to improve at St. Luke's Hospital.

Miss Nell Coogler, of Florida, who has been attending the Women's College, has left for Suffolk to visit her schoolmate, Miss Christine Dennis.

Miss Ida Powell, of Mangochick, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Edward Eubank, in this city.

Mr. E. D. Rollins, who has been attending the University College of Medicine, has gone to his home at Gate City, Va., for his vacation.

Mrs. Emma Page has returned from a visit to friends at Madisonville, Va.

Miss Bessie Bell, of this city, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, at Mt. Sidney, Va.

Misses Mary, Jessie and Ruth Hutchinson have been visiting their aunt, Miss Etta Hutchinson, at Etta Mills, Va.

Mrs. E. V. Johnson returned yesterday to her home in Lynchburg after spending the past ten days here and at the exposition.

Mr. P. St. Julien Wilson visited his old home in Suffolk Friday.

Miss Gretna McGuire, who has been visiting her cousins the Misses Robinson, in Staunton, has gone to Hot Springs, Va., to spend some time.

Mrs. L. B. Dudley, of West Point, spent last week in Richmond.

Miss Ella Binford, of Richmond, and Miss Cora Fields, of Lynchburg, are the guests of Miss Mildred Kessett, in Norfolk.

Miss Mary Denmead, of West Point, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Boatwright have returned to their home in Lynchburg, after spending a week in this city.

Mrs. Samuel Cooper and children are the guests of Mrs. H. T. Adams, at Vashell, Va.

WANT NEW PARK.

City May Convert Old Battery Into Pleasure Ground.

A mass-meeting of the citizens of Bacon Heights was held in the Assembly Hall Thursday night, with Mr. S. P. Jones presiding. Mayor John E. Rose, of the committee to request a better car schedule of the passenger and Power Company, reported that action had been deferred for several months owing to the fact that the company is now in the hands of receivers. It was also pointed out by Mr. Rose that since the town had secured its new, up-to-date fire department, the fire insurance companies had made reductions in rates, and many of them had cut out the "three-fourths" clause and allowed property to be insured for full value.

Mr. Thomas W. Gardner offered a resolution, asking the city of Richmond to convert the old battery property on the Heights into an attractive park. Messrs. Ragland, Rose and Gardner were appointed a committee to look after the matter.

The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the vocal music furnished by Messrs. Martenstein and Williams and Miss Ada Scott.

Annual Institute Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Church Sunday-School Institute of Henric Parish will be held in Grace Church lecture-room on Monday evening, May 27th, at 8 o'clock.

After the election of officers for the ensuing year, there will be a short address on the Sunday-school outlook in the diocese, and a general idea of what may be expected of the great Sunday-school convention to be held here in October, at the time of the meeting will also be a short paper on "Mission Teaching in the Sunday-Schools."

Several other matters of interest to the teachers will be discussed